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Amateur Radio satellites.

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BOD Nominations

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>From AMSAT HQ SILVER SPRING, MD.
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Per the AMSAT bylaws, those individuals nominated
to serve a 2 year term for the AMSAT Board of Directors are:

Barry Baines, WD4ASW
Alan Biddle, WA4SCA
Drew Glasbrenner, KO4MA
Tony Monteiro, AA2TX
Bill Ress, N6GHZ
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Ballots should be in the mail by July 15th.

ALSO...To All: Please remember that AMSAT
has one paid employee. So, if your order is
not filled immediately, please be patient.

73- Martha

[ANS thanks Martha for the above information]

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Field Day Rules and SAT status

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  From AMSAT HQ SILVER SPRING, MD.
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AMSAT's Satellite Field Day is held concurrently with the
annual ARRL Field Day emergency preparedness exercise.
This year the event will take place between 1800 UTC on
Saturday June 27, 2009 through 2100 UTC on Sunday June 28, 2009.

AMSAT encourages stations to prepare for operations on
all of the satellite modes - analog, FM, and digital.
The congestion on FM LEO satellites has become so intense
based on experience in prior years that we request to
limit your use to one-QSO-per-FM-satellite. The ARRL rules
only allow one contact per FM satellite to count. AMSAT
Field Day rules allow one contact per FM repeater to count.
This includes the International Space Station, if operational.

AO-51 will be configured to support Field Day operations.
The Field Day configuration on AO-51 begins on June 21
to allow stations to test their equipment and antennas
at home prior to the event. The satellite will remain
in this mode through June 28.

AO-51 June 21 - June 28 Field Day Configuration
FM Repeater, V/U
Uplink: 145.920 Mhz FM
Downlink: 435.300 Mhz FM

FM Repeater, L/U (Subject to interuption for
telemetry collection)
Uplink: 1268.700 Mhz FM
Downlink: 435.150 Mhz FM

The full text of the AMSAT Satellite Field Day Rules can be
found on-line at:
http://www.amsat.org/amsat-new/awards/amsatfd.php

The Satellite Summary Sheet can be found on this web page also.
This format should be used for submission of the AMSAT Field
Day competition and be received by KK5DO (email or postal mail)
by 11:59 P.M. CDT, Monday, July 13, 2009. The preferred method
for submitting your log is via e-mail to kk5do@amsat.org or
kk5do@arrl.net.

You may also use the postal service but give plenty of time
for your results to arrive by the submission date. Add
photographs or other interesting information so that
can be used an article for the Journal.

If mailing your submission, the address is:

Bruce Paige, KK5DO
Director of Awards and Contests
PO Box 310
Alief, TX 77411-0310.

Certificates will be awarded to the first-place, second,
and third place emergency power/portable stations at the
AMSAT General Meeting and Space Symposium in October,
2009.

[ANS thanks Bruce, KK5DO, for the above information]
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More AO-7 DX Reported

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Piraja, PS8RF is pleased to report additional DX via AO-7 following on to his successful Brazil-to-Belgium contact with Jean-Jacques, ON7EQ as reported in ANS-165. This week Piraja was able to copy the CW signals of Andre, ZS2BK showing that a Brazil to South Africa contact is possible.

This contact is also close to the operational limits of AO-7. The distance between the two stations is 4805 miles (7904 KM). Piraja says he can also copy F2IL on many AO-7 passes. He has posted two videos on the web recording these contacts:

PS8RF copy ZS2BK:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8JUyIIi0s4I

PS8RF - ON7EQ contact:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ggNmQqxARWY

[ANS thanks Piraja, PS8RF for the above information]

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Rooms Filling Up for AMSAT-UK Colloquium

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Rooms Filling Up for AMSAT-UK Colloquium

AMSAT-UK Hon Sec Jim Heck, G3WGM posted a reminder to all plan- ning to the attend the AMSAT-UK Colloquium, "If you are considering attending the AMSAT-UK Colloquium at the Holiday Inn, Guildford, UK on 25/26 July, you should be booking soon. The hotel will only hold rooms for us until Fri 3 July, after that date, you may find that there are no more rooms available."

Also please note that so far more than 50% of people attending have booked in for the Friday Night before the Colloquium, and the hotel tells me that they are now getting quite full

on this night. So PLEASE BOOK EARLY to avoid
disappointment."

Full booking details, including prices are at:
http://www.uk.amsat.org/content/view/25/49/

The phone number of the hotel is +44 (0) 1483 784444
and their email address is meetings-guildford@ihg.com.
Please quote reference R0F (That's R zero F) when booking.

[ANS thanks Jim Heck, G3WGM for the above information]

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ARISS Schedule

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1. ARISS Contact with Tongfu Primary School, China

Youth attending Tongfu Road No. 1 Primary School in Guangzhou,
Quangdong, P.R. China experienced an Amateur Radio on the
International Space Station (ARISS) contact on Thursday,
June 11. Astronaut Michael Barratt, KD5MIJ answered 19
questions put to him by the students as an audience of
approximately 465 people looked on. Extensive media coverage
included seven television stations, three radio stations
and ten newspapers.

2. Successful ARISS Contact with Italian School

On Friday, June 12, children from several schools in L'Aquila,
Abruzzo, Italy took part in an Amateur Radio on the International
Space Station (ARISS) contact. Approximately 200 students and
guests, including European Space Agency (ESA) and Agenzia
Spaziale Italiana (ASI) representatives, attended the event.
ESA astronaut Samantha Cristoforetti gave presentations on ISS
missions and ESA/ASI activities. Astronaut Frank DeWinne,
ON1DWN answered 13 questions on the first pass and another
7 questions on the following pass. Many television stations,
including CANALE 5 and SKY, radio stations and newspapers
provided media coverage. Internet video streaming had
more than 6,500 connections.

3. Belgian Students Spoke with Frank De Winne
An Amateur Radio operator on the International Space
Station (ARISS) contact took place on Friday,
June 12 between Vrije
Basisschool Terbank-Egenhoven in Heverlee,
Belgium and Frank DeWinne ON1DWN on the ISS.
Telebridge station ON4ISS
in Belgium assisted with the contact.
Twenty-two questions
were answered during the nine minute pass, delighting the
audience of 400 children, parents and guests. Four television
stations and two radio broadcast stations with national
and regional audiences covered the event. During the main
evening news, a detailed report on telebridge ground

station ON4ISS was broadcast by the national television service.

4. Astronaut Training Status

Astronaut Doug Wheelock passed his amateur radio licensing exam and was issued the callsign KF5BOC. He is scheduled to be part of Expedition 24 along with Shannon Walker, KD5DXB and Aleksandr Skvortsov.

On June 9, Wheelock also received Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) training on basic radio operations.

5. Australia Journalist Takes Interest in ARISS

A local journalist in Kingston, Australia has taken an interest in Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) and given great publicity to the program over the past three years. To view her latest article, see:
http://www.wia.org.au/newsevents/news/2009/20090603-2/index.php

6. ARISS on Twitter

The European Space Agency (ESA) is currently promoting their Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) school contacts on their Twitter site.
See: http://twitter.com/esa_oasiss.

A U.S. ARISS member has also been posting ISS amateur radio related items to a Twitter site.
See: http://twitter.com/RF2Space.

7. ESA Press Release on Frank De Winne's ARISS Contacts

The European Space Agency (ESA) put out a press release on Frank De Winne's Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) contacts. See:
http://www.esa.int/SPECIALS/OasISS_Mission/SEM6SOQORVF_0.html

8. ARISS International Meeting

The Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) International Face to Face Meeting will be held on Thursday and Friday, June 18 -19 at the European Space Research and Technology Centre (ESTEC) in the Netherlands. The team will come together to give regional reports as well as status reports from the program's other committees including education, publicity, operations and hardware.

[ANS thanks Carol, KB3LKI, for the above information]

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73,
This week's ANS Editor,
Dee Interdonato, NB2F